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HOSPITAL PROFILES - - THOMAS STEPHEN McNICHOLAS

THOMAS STEPHEN McNICHOLAS WAS BORN IN THE VILLAGE OF BABLYSARY, COUNTY MAYO, IRELAND, DECEMBER 22, 1896, THE SON OF PATRICK AND MARY, ONE OF SEVEN CHILDREN, HAVING FOUR SISTERS AND TWO BROTHERS. AFTER EDUCATION AT THE COLLEGE OF KEELOUGES, HE CAME TO NEW YORK IN 1911 AND STARTED HIS CAREER AS A GROCERY CLERK. LATER HE DROVE A TROLLEY CAR FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, THE ONLY EXCITEMENT BEING A FEW OCCASIONS HE SMASHED INTO TRUCKS AND WAGONS. HIS SHORT STAY AS A PILE-DRIVER IN THE SHIPYARDS WAS INTERRUPTED BY THE OUTBREAK OF WORLD WAR I. HE ENLISTED IN 1917, TAKING PART IN BATTLES OF THE ARGONNE FOREST AND CHATEAU THIERY. THEN AS A MEMBER OF THE ARMY OF OCCUPATION IN GERMANY, HE ROSE TO THE RANK OF SERGEANT.

RETURNING FROM THE WAR IN 1919 HE MARRIED MARY ANN REILLY AND SOON AFTER BECAME A MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE FORCE IN OCTOBER 1919, SERVING UNTIL MARCH 15, 1952. HE WELL REMEMBERS THE OLD SHIP "BALTIC", AS IT WAS THE ONE THAT BROUGHT HIM TO AMERICA IN 1911 AND, AS A CONVERTED TROOP-SHIP, TOOK HIM BACK AS A SOLDIER IN 1917.

AS A POLICEMAN, TOM SPENT MOST OF HIS TIME ASSIGNED TO TRAFFIC PRECINCT J. IN BROOKLYN, SERVING FIFTEEN YEARS AS REGULATOR OF TRAFFIC AT ATLANTIC AND BEDFORD AVENUES. HE PREFERRED TRAFFIC DUTY BECAUSE HE DID NOT LIKE NIGHT DUTY OR WALKING THE BEAT. IN THE EARLY DAYS MOST OF HIS SUMMONS GIVEN OUT WERE FOR RUNAWAY HORSES. LATER WHEN AUTOS TOOK OVER HE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY THE MOTORIST AT HIS WORST, WHEN, ON DISOBEYING TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, HE ATTEMPTED TO BRIBE THE TRAFFIC OFFICER TO OVERLOOK WRITING THE SUMMONS. (TOM ADMITS HE WROTE MANY TICKETS IN HIS TIME, BUT LEARNED TO CONTROL HIS TEMPER AND STATES HE GAVE THOSE OFFENDERS AT THE END OF THE DAY, WHEN HE WAS TIRED, THE SAME CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AS THOSE IN THE MORNINGS). HE SAYS TRAFFIC HAS CHANGED GREATLY IN THE PAST FEW YEARS. THERE ARE BETTER TRAFFIC SIGNALS NOW, MANY MORE CARS, BUT THE DRIVERS ARE STILL THE SAME -- USUALLY RECKLESS, UNMINDFUL OF THE OTHER DRIVER, AND QUICK TO ARGUE WITH THE TRAFFIC OFFICER.

WHILE ON POST HE LEARNED OTHER LANGUAGES AND SPEAKS FRENCH AND JEWISH RATHER WELL, DESPITE A SLIGHT GAELIC INFLECTION.

IN ALL HIS TOURS OF DUTY IN THE MIDST OF CONGESTED TRAFFIC HE CAME AWAY UNHARMED AND IN EXCELLENT HEALTH. HOWEVER, HIS WONDERFUL LUCK ALMOST RAN OUT BECAUSE HIS LAST ARREST, JUST BEFORE RETIREMENT, WAS A 220 POUND GIANT, WHO AFTER CUTTING UP HIS WIFE, WENT BERSERK AND CAME AFTER TOM WITH A CLAW HAMMER, ONLY TO BE SUBDUED BY A WELL-AIMED BLOW WITH HIS POLICE REVOLVER BUTT.

AFTER RETIREMENT, TOM CAME TO SPECIAL SURGERY ON APRIL 30, 1952, FIGURING TO STAY ONLY A FEW WEEKS, BUT STAYED ON, HE SAYS, BECAUSE HE LIKES WORKING WITH THE HOSPITAL PERSONNEL AND BECAUSE HE FEELS HE IS ABLE TO HELP THE SICK AND DISABLED. HIS RECORD SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

THIS SHORT STREET IN FRONT OF THE HOSPITAL SHOULD BE NAMED "MCNICHOLAS PLACE" BECAUSE TOM OWNS IT AND CONTROLS IT COMPLETELY. NOT ONLY ARE CARS PARKED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE NARROW STREET, INCLUDING THE SIDEWALKS, BUT THEY ARE PARKED FACING BOTH DIRECTIONS, AND, IN THE CASE OF DR. KAMMERER'S GM, EVEN SIDEWAYS. OVER ONE HUNDRED CARS ARE PARKED AND SHIFTED AROUND EACH DAY BY TOM, ON A STREET WITH A CAPACITY OF TWENTY CARS, YET HE MANAGES TO KEEP A WAY CLEAR FOR THE IMPORTANT ONES TO GET THROUGH, SUCH AS THE AMBULANCES AND OTHER VEHICLES BRINGING THE CRIPPLED ONES FOR TREATMENT AND TAKING THE MENDED ONES HOME. HOWEVER, JUST LET TAXI DRIVERS DALLY A MOMENT TOO LONG AND TOM GIVES THEM THAT TRAFFIC OFFICER'S LOOK AND THEY SCURRY AWAY IN A HURRY.

IN ADDITION TO KEEPING TRAFFIC MOVING ON THIS SHORTEST AND BUSIEST STREET, HE FINDS TIME TO ADMIT OVER FIVE HUNDRED PERSONS EACH DAY THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR WITH NOT ONLY A KIND WORD FOR EACH ONE AND A STEADY HAND TO ASSIST THOSE FROM THEIR CARS, BUT VERY OFTEN ACTUALLY PICKING THEM UP AND CARRYING THEM TO THEIR WHEELCHAIRS OR STRETCHERS.

TOM'S GREATEST LOVE IS FOR THE FINE FAMILY HE AND HIS WIFE HAVE RAISED AND EDUCATED. TWO SONS ARE PRIESTS, FATHER THOMAS OF ST. EPHREMS, BAYRIDGE, BROOKLYN, AND FATHER EDWARD OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, QUEENS VILLAGE. SON JAMES IS AN ATTORNEY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, BROOKLYN, AND DAUGHTER MARY A GRADUATE OF ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, BROOKLYN, WHO IS MARRIED AND HAS GIVEN TOM A GRANDDAUGHTER, MARYLIN. TOM LOST A FINE SON, JOHN, FOUR YEARS AGO, A VICTIM OF HEART DISEASE AT THE AGE OF TWENTY.

ONE OF TOM'S PROUDEST MOMENTS CAME WHEN HIS SON, FATHER THOMAS WAS ORDAINED AND HE FLEW TO IRELAND, AND WHILE THEREVISITED WITH HIS MOTHER WHOM HE HAD NOT SEEN SINCE THE WAR IN 1918. ALL HIS SONS HAVE FINE WAR RECORDS, THOMAS SERVING AS LIEUTENANT IN THE AIR FORCE, EDWARD A MASTER SERGEANT ALSO WITH THE AIR FORCE, AND JAMES, A CAPTAIN IN THE QUARTERMASTERS.

TOM BELONGS TO THE ISABELLA COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS; HOLY NAME SOCIETY; ST. ELIZABETH'S CHURCH; THE SHERIDAN POST OF THE AMERICAN LEGION; AND THE NEW YORK CITY PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

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ANNA CASSINELLI

1882 - 1959

IT IS WITH SORROW THAT WE ANNOUNCE THE DEATH FROM A STROKE ON MARCH 16TH OF ANNA CASSINELLI IN BIRD S. COLER HOSPITAL IN NEW YORK CITY, IN HER SEVENTY-SEVENTH YEAR. EVERYONE WHO WAS ON THE STAFF OF THIS HOSPITAL DURING THE YEARS AT 42ND STREET WILL REMEMBER CASSIE. FOR FORTY-FIVE YEARS, SHE WAS EITHER A PATIENT OR AN EMPLOYEE OF THE OLD R&C OR OF HSS. SHE CAME TO US WHEN SHE WAS SEVEN YEARS OLD FOR TREATMENT FOR A DISEASE THAT STOPPED HER GROWTH AT THREE FEET. AT TWELVE YEARS OF AGE, SHE BEGAN TO WORK IN OUR BRACE SHOP, COVERING SURGICAL CORSETS AND SUPPORTS. A SPECIAL SEWING MACHINE WITH A HIGH TREADLE WAS DESIGNED FOR HER USE. DURING ALL THE YEARS SHE WAS WITH US SHE LIVED IN THE HOSPITAL AND JUST BEFORE WE MOVED UPTOWN, CASSIE WAS TOLD THAT HER HEALTH WOULD NOT PERMIT HER TO CONTINUE TO WORK IN THE BRACE SHOP. SO WHEN OUR MOVE TO 70TH STREET WAS MADE, SHE FOUND A NEW AND A HAPPY HOME AT BIRD S. COLER. HER FRIENDS FROM HSS VISITED HER THERE, AND THEY CAME AWAY FEELING THAT THE YEARS WERE DEALING KINDLY WITH CASSIE. SHE RADIATED HAPPINESS AND CHEER UNTIL THE END.

DAVID H.M. GILLESPIE, M.D.

1875 - 1959

WITH THE DEATH OF DR. DAVID H.M. GILLESPIE IN HIS SEVENTY-FIFTH YEAR, THIS HOSPITAL LOST A MEMBER OF ITS STAFF WHO HAD SERVED BOTH AS AN ATTENDING OR CONSULTING SURGEON IN THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SURGERY FOR FIFTY-TWO YEARS. HE GRADUATED FROM YALE WITH THE CLASS OF 1898, RECEIVED HIS M.D. AT P & S IN 1902 AND HIS LICENSE THE SAME YEAR. HE WAS A FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS AND A MEMBER OF THE STATE AND COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS.

J.C.H.

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AROUND HOME HE ENJOYS DOING PAINTING AND ODD JOBS OF CARPENTRY AND HIS FAVORITE TV PROGRAMS ARE THE FIGHTS AND WRESTLING MATCHES.

BECAUSE OS HIS EXTREME MODESTY, IT WAS MOST DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN MUCH INFORMATION FIRST-HAND FROM OUR FINE EMPLOYEE, BUT FORTUNATELY ONE OF HIS SONS, FATHER THOMAS, HELPED WITH THE FOLLOWING WHICH BEST SUMS UP HIS LIFE: "MY FATHER HAS A WARM PERSONALITY -- GOOD-NATURED AND A QUIET DISPOSITION. LOYALTY AND DEVOTION TO GOD, HIS COUNTRY AND HIS EMPLOYER AND HIS FAMILY ARE HIS MOST NOTABLE TRAITS OF CHARACTER". WHO COULD SAY MORE?

ONCE ONE OF NEW YORK'S FINEST, TOM IS NOW ONE OF SPECIAL SURGERY'S KINDEST.

********** W.H.S.

NIGHTINGALE'S CHIRP

WE BID FAREWELL THIS MONTH TO MISS THERESA EVERINGTON, FORMERLY OF 6 SOUTH, WHO HAS RETURNED TO HER NATIVE ENGLAND FOR AN INDEFINITE STAY. A TEA WAS HELD ON MARCH 9TH IN OUR LECTURE HALL FOR MISS ANNA SHALLING, WHO HAS RETIRED.....MISS ALBINA JANCA HAS RETURNED FROM A TWO WEEK FLORIDA VACATION WITH A MOST BECOMMING TAN. MRS. MARY O'CONNELL IS STILL THERE ENJOYING HER MONTH'S VACATION. MRS. JEAN CAREY WILL BE GONE SIX WEEKS FROM 8 NORTH. SHE IS NOW IN CALIFORNIA FOR A TWO WEEK VACATION. ON HER RETURN SHE WILL ATTEND THE THREE WEEK SEMINAR ON REHABILITATION FOR NURSES AT THE NEW YORK UNIVERSITY-BELLEVUE MEDICAL CENTER INSTITUTE OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION.....MISS DOROTHY VISKOVICH HAS RETURNED TO DUTY AFTER A SHORT HOSPITAL ADMISSION ON 7 SOUTH MISS COLLEEN MULLINS HAS TRANSFERRED FROM RECOVERY ROOM TO THE O.P.D..... MISS MARY ELLEN BRENNAN HAS ALSO JOINED OUR CLINIC STAFF.....MRS. ADELENE BURAKOFF A RECENT GRADUATE OF CLASS IX., IS NOW A PATIENT ON 7 NORTH..... MRS. DOROTHY HOO, ALSO OF CLASS IX., IS A PATIENT AT NEW YORK HOSPITAL.... A REMINDER TO ALL NURSING PERSONNEL: VACATION REQUESTS ARE TO BE IN BY APRIL 1ST.

********** J.L.

GRADUATION-CLASS IX. SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL NURSING

THE NINTH CLASS OF THE H.S.S. SCHOOL FOR PRACTICAL NURSING WAS GRADUATED MARCH 12 AT COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES IN THE LECTURE HALL.

THE CEREMONIES WERE OPENED AND CLOSED BY THE REVEREND FRANK GREBE OF THE MADISON AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. MR. PHILIP BASTEDO, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS EXTENDED GREETINGS TO THE GRADUATES, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS. MRS. WALTER D. FLETCHER, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE NURSING COMMITTEE INTRODUCED THE GUEST SPEAKER, DR. JOHN E. SULLIVAN.

DR. SULLIVAN FIRST CAME TO H.S.S. IN 1931 AS A FELLOW IN SURGERY

AND SHORTLY AFTERWARD BECAME A STAFF MEMBER. IN 1950 HE BECAME CHIEF OF OUR SURGICAL SERVICE. HE SPOKE OF THE GREAT STRIDES MEDICINE HAS MADE IN RECENT YEARS AND OF THE NURSE'S ROLE IN MEDICAL ADVANCEMENT.

MRS. JOHN H. REYNOLDS, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS, BEFORE PRESENTING THE AWARDS READ TO THE CLASS A PAPER WRITTEN BY MRS. ESTELLE JOHNSON, A STUDENT IN CLASS X. THIS WAS A CLASS ASSIGNMENT WHEN THE STUDENTS WERE ASKED TO WRITE DOWN WHAT THEY THOUGHT A PRACTICAL NURSE SHOULD STRIVE TO DO IN ORDER TO MEET THE PATIENT'S NEEDS AND CARRY OUT HER OWN IDEALS. WE FELT THAT IT SUMMED UP A GREAT MANY OBJECTIVES THAT COULD APPLY TO ALL OF US WHO WORK WITH PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF WHAT CAPACITY.

MRS. JOHNSON WROTE: "THE PRACTICAL NURSE SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO REMAIN EMOTIONALLY WELL BALANCED AND SELF CONTROLLED IN ORDER TO MEET ANY SITUATION THAT MIGHT SUDDENLY ARISE. SHE SHOULD BE EVEN TEMPERED, THOUGHTFUL, SYMPATHETIC AND ENDEAVOR NOT TO PERMIT HER OWN PERSONAL LIFE TO INTERFERE WITH THE EFFICIENCY OF HER VOCATION. A SUCCESSFUL NURSE MUST ACCEPT AUTHORITY AND BE VERY CONSCIENTIOUS IN FULFILLING DOCTOR'S ORDERS. SHE MUST ENDEAVOR TO FREE HERSELF OF ANY PREJUDICES AND ALWAYS UPHOLD THE DIGNITY OF THE NURSING PROFESSION." MRS. JEAN WHARTON WAS AWARDED A SAVINGS BOND AS THE STUDENT WHO HAS ATTAINED THE HIGHEST ACADEMIC AVERAGE. A PRIZE WAS AWARDED TO MRS. MARIA WALUK FOR HER OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL INTEREST AND INITIATIVE IN THEORY AND PRACTICE. THE "ANN ROBERTS MEMORIAL AWARD" OF GOLD SCISSORS WAS AWARDED TO MISS CONCHITA ROSADO FOR HER EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY IN THE ART OF NURSING. THE CLASS RESPONSE WAS GIVEN BY MRS. JEAN WHARTON, PRESIDENT OF THE CLASS. SHE PRESENTED THE CLASS GIFT, A DONATION OF SIXTY DOLLARS TO THE LOGETHETON STUDENT FUND. MR. T. GORDON YOUNG CLOSED THE CEREMONIES WITH CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS AND AN INVITATION TO ATTEND AN INFORMAL RECEPTION. OF THE EIGHTEEN NEW GRADUATES, NINE WILL REMAIN AT H.S.S., FOUR WILL WORK AT NEW YORK HOSPITAL, THREE LIVE OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY AND WILL SEEK EMPLOYMENT CLOSE TO HOME AND, TWO ARE UNDECIDED.

********** J.L.

FIRST ROW:
ADELENE BURAKOFF, VIOLA FISCHER, EDNA MARSHALL, HERMINE NUNEZ, MISS DEAN SMITH, DIRECTOR OF NURSING EDUCATION, ANNE INGOGLIA, CONCHITA ROSADO, FREDISVINDA MILETT, JEAN WHARTON, ELAINE BAXTER.
BACK ROW:
HILDA STEINHOFEL, LOUISE WILCOX, BETTYE BROOKS, MIRIA WALUK, VERONICA REIF, ELAINE KARTSEN, JESSIE CHERRY, DOROTHY HOO AND MARION MORRISON.

ALUMNI NOTES:

A FAMILIAR FACE HAS BEEN SEEN AROUND THE HOSPITAL THESE LAST FEW WEEKS, THAT OF DR. ABRAHAM RIVELIS. HE HAS JUST RETURNED FROM A TRIP AROUND THE WORLD, DURING WHICH HE VISITED MANY CITIES IN EUROPE AND POINTS EAST AND FAR EAST. HE LECTURED ON RHEUMATIC DISEASES AT THE MEDICAL CENTERS AND HOSPITALS WHEREVER HE STOPPED. DR. RIVELIS HAS NOW PRETTY WELL VISITED ALL THE IMPORTANT COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD EXCEPT AFRICA AND ANTARTICA, FOR A YEAR AGO HE TOOK A TRIP THROUGH LATIN AMERICAN AND SOME NEARBY ISLANDS.

ONE OF OUR ALUMNI HAS BEEN IN THE NEWS LATELY BECAUSE OF SOMETHING FOR WHICH HE IS RESPONSIBLE, BUT ONLY VERY INDIRECTLY. PETER CYRUS RIZZO, WHO MANY OF YOU KNOW, BECAME A GRANDFATHER FOR THE FIRST TIME. HIS SON, THOMAS DIGNAN RIZZO, M.D., ONE OF OUR ALUMNI-TO-BE, (HE IS NOW AN ORTHOPEDIC RESIDENT HERE) BECAME THE FATHER OF A SON WHO IS TO BE CALLED THOMAS DIGNAN RIZZO, JR. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THOMAS, JR., WILL START HIS RESIDENCY HERE IN 1982.

GASPARE A. SALVIA OF NEW YORK CITY REPORTS THAT HE IS MARRIED, HAS THREE CHILDREN, ONE GIRL AND TWO BOYS. HE IS ASSOCIATE SURGEON AT LENOX HILL HOSPITAL AND HAS RECENTLY HAD AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF SURGERY, OCTOBER 1958 ON LYMPHANGIOSARCOMA IN THE POST-MASTECTOMY LYMPHEDEMATOUS ARM.

MERRITT SHOBE OF KINGSPORT, TENN., WRITES THAT DR. JOSEPH MALOY HAS NOW BECOME ASSOCIATED WITH HIM.

RICHARD D. SMITH WRITES AS FOLLOWS: SENDING US THE R&C IS A GOOD IDEA. NO GREAT NEWS HERE. KEEP VERY BUSY. HOPE TO RETURN TO HSS FOR A VISIT NEXT YEAR. HAVE SIX CHILDREN NOW. WILL HAVE THE MIDDLE CENTRAL STATES ORTHOPEDIC SOCIETY MEETING HERE IN 1958. ALL WELCOME. WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE ORTHOPEDIC SECTION OMAHA MIDWEST CLINICAL SOCIETY MEETING THIS WEEK IN OMAHA.

T. ORMISTON SMITH OF TORONTO, CANADA WRITES THAT HE IS REHABILITATION DIRECTOR AT LAMBERT LODGE, TORONTO. A NEW RESEARCH AND PHYSIO-THERAPY UNIT IS TO BE OPENED SOON THERE.

HOWARD A. SWART OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA WRITES THAT HE IS AT PRESENT COUNSELOR FOR WEST VIRGINIA IN SOUTHERN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

FRANK W. TEAGUE OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA SENDS A SHORT NOTE SAYING SINCE HE WROTE NEWS ABOUT HIMSELF IN THE LAST R&C HE HAS TWO GRANDCHILDREN.

ARTHUR A. THIBODEAU OF BOSTON WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE BOSTON ORTHOPEDIC CLUB WHICH WAS FOUNDED IN 1896. THE CLUB HAS BEEN EXPANDED TO INCLUDE ORTHOPEDIC SURGEONS OF NEW ENGLAND. DR. PHILIP GRANIERE, ONE OF OUR ALUMNI IS NOW ASSOCIATED WITH DR. THIBODEAU AT TUFTS - NEW ENGLAND MEDICAL CENTER.

FINALLY, A NOTE FROM AN ALUMNUS WHICH IS NOT NEWS TO US AT HSS, BUT WILL BE TO ALL OTHERS. T. CAMPBELL THOMPSON SAYS: "STILL SURVIVING AS CHIEF SURGEON, BUT I WISH I WAS IN FLORIDA." MANY OF US WHO WORK IN THIS NECK OF THE WOODS FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT FLORIDA AT THIS TIME.

********** J.C.H.

ORTHOPEDIC RESIDENTS:

DOCTOR WILLIAM GRAHAM HAS FOUND AN INTERESTING SOURCE OF REVENUE IN THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL HOUSES. ONE OF THE MORE DISTINGUISHED FIRMS, THAT DOES A LARGE BUSINESS IN ENGALND, PRODUCED A FILM TO BE SHOWN TO THE PROFESSION THERE AND SOMEONE WAS NEEDED TO TRANSLATE AMERICAN INTO ENGLISH. FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS OF BEING SURE THAT "BEEN" RHYMED WITH "SEEM" AND THAT CER-VICAL CAME OUT LIKE CERVI-CAL HE WAS PAID HANDSOMELY.

SPEAKING OF KEEPING THE BILL COLLECTORS HAPPY, YOU RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS WILL BE PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THE NEW YORK HOSPITAL BLOOD BANK IS CURRENTLY PAYING TWENTY-DOLLARS A UNIT - PROVIDING OF COURSE, YOUR SEROLOGY IS NEGATIVE.

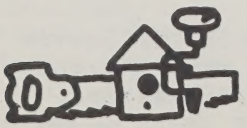
SPEAKING OF GIVING BLOOD - I HEAR IT RUMORED THAT DR. BERNARD JACOBS IS TO BE THE NEW SUPER CHIEF RESIDENT AFTER THE TERMINATION PERIOD ENDS FOR DR. JOSEPH MASON WHO IS STARTING ON APRIL 1ST. WE ALL FEEL THAT DR. JACOBS DESERVES THIS HONOR. CONGRATULATIONS!

IN THE PAST, THREE CELLOS HAVE ABSOLUTELY ANESTHETISED ME, BUT PIERRE FOURNIER'S SINGLE CELLO WAS A RARE, PLEASANT EXPERIENCE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH. MR. FOURNIER PLAYED IN THE AUDITORIUM A PROGRAM OF SHORT, SNAPPY BEAUTIFUL PIECES. MR. FOURNIER PRESENTED THIS CONCERT AS A "GRATEFUL PATIENT" WE, HOWEVER, ARE THE MORE GRATEFUL.

WE WILL ALL MISS DR. HERNANDO GUERRERO, WHO DURING HIS TERM OF FELLOWSHIP MADE MANY FRIENDS AND WAS ALWAYS SO INCONSPICUOUSLY HELPFUL. "TINY BLESSINGS" HAVE ARRIVED AT DR. THOMAS DIGNAN AND JEANNE RIZZO'S HOME. GRANDFATHER, PETER CYRUS IS BURSTING WITH TYPICAL GRANDPARENTAL PRIDE.

********** A.I.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DEPARTMENT



SINCERE AND WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS TO IRIS YANG FOR FINALLY ACHIEVING A LONG SOUGHT-AFTER GOAL: A MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN REHABILITATION IN SPECIAL EDUCATION. IN HONOR OF THE EVENT IRIS IS TREATING US TO A HOME-COOKED CHINESE DINNER.

********** L.R.

ARTICLE 1.

THE ROLE OF THE HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY AS A VOLUNTARY, NON-PROFIT HOSPITAL - -

HAVE YOU WONDERED ABOUT THE VARIOUS TYPES OF HOSPITALS THAT EXIST IN THE UNITED STATES AND HOW THEY DIFFER FROM EACH OTHER?

THERE ARE THREE CATEGORIES OF HOSPITALS:

1. GOVERNMENT OR PUBLIC HOSPITALS
2. PROPRIETARY OR PRIVATE HOSPITALS
3. VOLUNTARY, NON-PROFIT HOSPITALS

GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS ARE THOSE MAINTAINED AT PUBLIC EXPENSE BY THE TAXPAYER. THEY INCLUDE: THE U.S. ARMED FORCES HOSPITALS WHICH CARE FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMY, NAVY, MARINE CORPS, AND AIR FORCE; THE U.S. VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITALS WHICH CARE FOR HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS OF THE ARMED FORCES; THE U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE HOSPITALS FOR THE CARE OF MERCHANT SEAMEN AND SPECIAL TYPES OF ILLNESSES SUCH AS THE LEPROSARIUM IN CARVILLE, LA.; STATE HOSPITALS FOR THE CARE OF THE MENTALLY ILL OR RETARDED, TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITALS, AND OTHER SPECIAL TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS; COUNTY AND CITY HOSPITALS, WHICH, AS IS TRUE OF OTHER GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS, ARE MAINTAINED BY THE TAXPAYERS. WHERE PATIENTS OR THEIR RELATIVES ARE ABLE TO PAY PART OF THEIR CARE THEY MAY BE REQUIRED TO DO SO.

PROPRIETARY OR PRIVATE HOSPITALS ARE PRIVATELY OWNED AND OPERATED FOR PROFIT THE SAME AS ANY OTHER BUSINESS. THESE HOSPITALS GENERALLY ARE COMPARATIVELY SMALL INSTITUTIONS OWNED BY PHYSICIANS, OTHER INDIVIDUALS, OR BUSINESS CORPORATIONS. THEY ARE USUALLY OPERATED BY PHYSICIANS.

VOLUNTARY, NON-PROFIT HOSPITALS CONSTITUTE THE THIRD GROUP. THEY ARE CALLED "VOLUNTARY, NON-PROFIT" HOSPITALS BECAUSE THEY WERE ESTABLISHED BY GROUPS OF PUBLIC-SPIRITED CITIZENS, RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, OR PHILANTHROPIC FOUNDATIONS WHICH VOLUNTEERED, UPON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE, TO CONDUCT HOSPITALS WITHOUT PROFIT. THE HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY IS SUCH AN INSTITUTION. THE NON-PROFIT HOSPITAL IS AN EXAMPLE OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT, OF MAN'S REGARD FOR HIS FELLOWMAN.

(TO BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE R&C.)

********** V. S.

VARIETY SHOW:

PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR THE HOSPITAL'S FOURTH ANNUAL VARIETY SHOW. THIS YEAR WE HOPE TO HAVE THE SHOW READY BY LATE MAY. ALL PEOPLE AND IDEAS ARE MORE THAN WELCOME. MATA-HARI WILL BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR BOTH SO DO NOT TRY TO HIDE YOUR TALENTS. --- YOU WILL NOT SUCCEED! AND THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NO TALENT FEAR NOT - - CONFUCIUS SAY "HE WHO HAS NO TALENT BE PUT IN SHOW ANYWAY".

********** M.R & J.C.

AMONG OURSELVES:

ONE OF THE WORLD'S NOTED PIANISTS, MR. VAN CLIBURN SPENT A FEW DAYS WITH US AS A PATIENT RECENTLY. HE WAS ADMITTED WITH AN INFECTED FINGER ON HIS RIGHT HAND. DUE TO THE NECESSARY SURGERY TO CORRECT THIS INFECTION, HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PLAY THE PIANO AGAIN FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, BUT IT WAS A MINOR PROCEDURE AND HIS FINGER WILL SOON BE AS GOOD AS NEW..... A DELIGHTFUL TEA WAS GIVEN IN OUR LECTURE HALL ON MARCH 9TH TO HONOR THREE OF OUR EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE RECENTLY RETIRED. MISS ANNA SHALLING, R.N., NIGHT NURSING SUPERVISOR HAD WORKED HERE FOR TWENTY-THREE YEARS. DENIS O'LEARY OF OUR MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN HERE SINCE AUGUST 1944 AND EMIL MUELLER, BLACKSMITH OF THE BRACE SHOP HAS HAD TWENTY-THREE YEARS SERVICE. IT WAS ONE OF THE LARGEST ATTENDED TEAS IN RECENT YEARS, AND MRS. GOLDSTONE AND HER DIETARY DEPARTMENT ARE TO BE CONGRATULATED ON THE DELICIOUS REFRESHMENTS SERVED..... RENE ALESSANDRINI, TIMEKEEPER, IS A PATIENT IN ROOM 730. MRS. NORMA BENDER OF THE LABORATORY WAS ADMITTED ON MARCH 12TH BUT WAS DISCHARGED ON MARCH 15TH..... FRANK MEANEY IS AT PRESENT IN ROOM 534..... ON SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH, MR. PIERRE FOURNIER AN INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN CELLIST GAVE A DELIGHTFUL CONCERT FOR PATIENTS AND STAFF IN OUR LECTURE HALL. IT WAS INDEED A PLEASURE AND A PRIVILEGE TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR THIS ARTIST PLAY..... A RECENT GRADUATE ADELENE BURAKOFF FROM OUR SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL NURSING AND NOW A NURSE OF OUR PRACTICAL NURSING STAFF IS A PATIENT IN ROOM 743..... REPORTS COME TO US THAT THE NEW NURSING RESIDENCE ON YORK AVENUE AND 77TH STREET WILL SOON BECOME READY FOR OCCUPANCY. IT IS HOPED THAT OUR NURSES CAN MOVE IN BY APRIL 1ST..... WE ARE SURE THAT YOU HAVE NOTICED THE INITIALS W.H.S. THAT HAVE APPEARED ON THE END OF SO MANY OF OUR HOSPITAL PROFILES. THE SHORT SKETCHES THAT W.H.S. WRITES ARE SO WELL DONE THAT WE BELIEVE HE DESERVES MORE CREDIT AND A LITTLE PUBLICITY FOR THESE CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PAPER. IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY AWARE OF IT, THESE INITIALS STAND FOR WILLARD (BILL) SQUIRES, M.D., OF OUR RHEUMATIC DISEASES SERVICE. IT IS ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO HAVE DR. SQUIRES AGREE TO UNDERTAKE TO WRITE A SHORT BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF ONE OF OUR STAFF AND WE KNOW THAT ALL OF YOU THOROUGHLY ENJOY THE ARTICLES HE TURNS OUT.

********** J.C.H.

CEREBRAL PALSY CLINIC

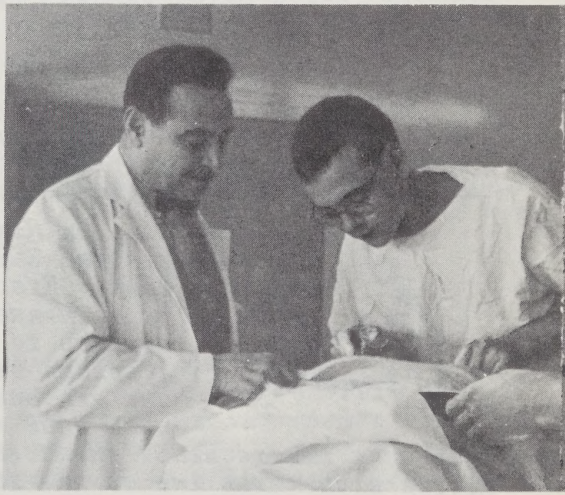
SUSANNE BICJAN, A SENIOR AT BROOKLYN COLLEGE MAJORING IN SPEECH THERAPY, WILL BE IN C. P. CLINIC ONE AFTERNOON A WEEK THIS SEMESTER, TO OBSERVE OUR PROGRAM OF SPEECH THERAPY. THIS IS PART OF MISS BICJAN'S UNDERGRADUATE CLINICAL PRACTICE.

ON MARCH 25TH IT WILL BE PARTY TIME AGAIN IN CEREBRAL PALSY CLINIC. THE DUBROW LEAGUE OF THE UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY WOMEN'S DIVISION ONCE AGAIN WILL GIVE AN EASTER PARTY FOR THIRTY OF OUR YOUNGER PATIENTS.

********** V.R.

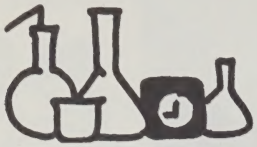
FATHER AND SON TEAM - DRS. PETER CYRUS RIZZO AND THOMAS DIGNAN RIZZO.

MR. T. GORDON YOUNG, DIRECTOR AND MISS MARY JEANNE CLAPP, DIRECTOR OF NURSING ARE PHOTOGRAPHED WITH MEMBERS OF OUR STAFF AT A TEA IN HONOR OF THEIR RETIREMENT, MR. EMIL MEULLER, MISS ANNA SHALLING, R.N. AND MR. DENIS O'LEARY.



AT THE GRADUATION OF CLASS IX., MR. YOUNG, MRS. WALTER D. FLETCHER, VICE PRES., OF OUR BOARD, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE NURSING COMMITTE, DR. JOHN E. SULLIVAN OF OUR CONSULTING STAFF AND MR. PHILIP BASTEDO, PRES., OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

TEST TUBES AND GUINEA PIGS:



THE OBJECT OF THE STUDIES AT THE RESEARCH LABORATORY FOR RHEUMATIC DISEASES IS TO GAIN A FULLER UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURE OF CERTAIN BLOOD SUBSTANCES WHICH OCCUR ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY IN RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS. THESE BLOOD SUBSTANCES ARE BELIEVED TO OFFER HOPE OF FINDING CLUES CONCERNING THE CAUSES OF A DISEASE WHICH AFFLICTS MILLIONS OF PEOPLE. AS THESE BLOOD SUBSTANCES OCCUR IN ONLY EXTREMELY SMALL QUANTITIES, HIGHLY SPECIALIZED TECHNIQUES HAD TO BE DEVELOPED FOR THEIR ISOLATION AND ANALYSIS. AS A RESULT OF ITS STUDIES, THIS LABORATORY HAS BECOME THE INFORMATION CENTER FOR SPECIALIZED TESTS PERTAINING TO THE DIAGNOSIS OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS FOR THE ENTIRE NEW YORK HOSPITAL-CORNELL MEDICAL CENTER.

UPON MOVING INTO THE CASPARY RESEARCH BUILDING OF THE PHILIP D. WILSON RESEARCH FOUNDATION, THE RESEARCHERS PLAN TO INTENSIFY THEIR STUDIES WITH THE HOPE OF PROVIDING NEW TOOLS FOR COMBATING ONE OF THE MOST CRIPPLING DISEASES.

********** R.H.

SOCIAL SERVICE NOTES:

ON MARCH 4, 1959 THREE OF OUR STAFF MEMBERS VISITED BLYTHEDALE CONVALESCENT HOME IN VALHALLA, NEW YORK. MISS LOHSE, MISS MCDONALD AND MISS SOMERA WERE VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE FACILITIES AND TYPE OF CARE OFFERED TO THE YOUNG CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS WHO NEED A LONGER TERM OF REHABILITATION THAT CAN BE OFFERED IN THE VARIOUS HOSPITALS IN THIS AREA INCLUDING OUR OWN WHEN THEY HAVE HAD SURGERY OR OTHER MEDICAL CARE. THEY WERE PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH THE SUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO INDIVIDUALIZE EACH CHILD AND TO PROVIDE HIM WITH AS NORMAL AN ENVIRONMENT AS POSSIBLE.

ON MARCH 3RD MISS HERBST ATTENDED A CONFERENCE ON CONVALESCENCE - REHABILITATION AT THE NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE. SPEAKERS FROM VARIOUS CONVALESCENT-REHABILITATION CENTERS GAVE A VERY INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE PICTURE OF THIS TYPE OF CARE PAST AND PRESENT.

ON MARCH 2ND THE ENTIRE SOCIAL SERVICE STAFF WERE INTERESTED IN HEARING MR. CHARLES SPRUNG, ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISOR, MEDICAL SOCIAL WORK SECTION, DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE. IT WAS VERY INFORMATIVE IN CONTRIBUTING TO OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE SERVICES THEY OFFER.

A VERY HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL!

********** A.P.

CLINIC NOTES:

ONCE MORE DR. THOMAS RIZZO IS "IN THE NEWS". THIS TIME HE IS BEING CONGRATULATED ON BECOMING THE PROUD PAPA OF A BOUNCING BABY BOY, NET WEIGHT 7 LBS. 5 OZ., TO BE CHRISTENED THOMAS DIGNAN RIZZO, JR. DR. PETER RIZZO, SR., IS BEAMING, AND IS THE YOUNGEST LOOKING GRANDFATHER WE HAVE SEEN IN A LONG TIME.

A NEW AND MOST HELPFUL ADDITION TO THE CLINIC NURSING STAFF IS MISS MARY ELLEN BRENNAN, R.N. WE ALL WELCOME HER.....THE PLASTER ROOM HAS BEEN UNUSUALLY BUSY LATELY, WITH SCOLIO CASES (NEW, AND FILL-INS OR WEDGES), PRIVATE HOUSE-CASES, PRIVATE REFERRALS, WARD, CLINIC, AND WHAT-HAVE-YOU, SOMETIMES ALL AT THE SAME TIME - WITH SEVEN OR EIGHT DOCTORS, A FEW ASSORTED NURSES, AND THE DOTING RELATIVES OF SOME OF THE OUT-PATIENTS, THINGS CAN, AT TIMES, SEEM RATHER LIKE BARGAIN DAY ON 14TH STREET.

MRS. JOSEPHINE SULLIVAN, L.P., OF STERILE TECHNIQUE, IS TAKING A WELL-EARNED VACATION OF A MONTH, AS HER HUSBAND IS ALSO HAVING A MONTH'S VACATION AT THE SAME TIME.....VACATION TIME FOR EVERYONE WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, AND WE HAVE HEARD PLANS BEING MADE FOR AS FAR OFF AS NEXT DECEMBER! WELL, HALF THE FUN OF ANY TRIP IS PLANNING IT, SO WE MAY AS WELL START IN ON THE MAPS, TRAVEL FOLDERS, AND SHIPPING LISTS, AND SEE IF WE CAN MATCH THEM UP WITH WHAT'S LEFT (IF ANYTHING IS) IN THE BANK ACCOUNT AFTER MARCH 15TH.

WE ARE HAPPY TO REPORT THAT MRS. MADDEN IS GETTING ALONG NICELY. AS SHE HAS A PHONE NOW WHERE SHE CAN TALK EASILY, WE ARE SURE SHE WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO HEAR FROM HER FRIENDS, AND WITH MISS CLAPP'S KIND PERMISSION, WE GIVE MRS. MADDEN'S PHONE NUMBER: RAVENSWOOD 9-2137.

********** M.J.B.

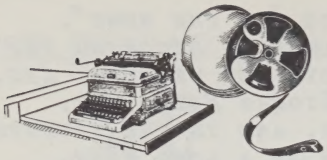
RECORD ROOM NOTES:

THE TURNOVER PERCENTAGE IN THE RECORD ROOM CONTINUES AT AN ALL TIME HIGH.....MARIANN GENADIO NANIA RESIGNED IN JANUARY...THE TEARS REALLY FLOWED AND LIFE PRESERVERS HAD TO BE PUT TO USE. MARIANN EXPECTS HER BABY IN JUNE AND FEELS WELL QUALIFIED FOR MOTHERHOOD AFTER A WEEK OF BABY SITTING WITH HER TWO YOUNG NIECES AND NEPHEW. THELMA HONIG, WHO ALSO LEFT US IN JANUARY, BECAME THE BRIDE OF GARY ZIGHOLTZ ON JANUARY 25, 1959. THELMA LOOKED VERY PRETTY AND WAS AS CASUAL AS SHE WAS IN ORTHOPEDIC CLINIC.....A COCKTAIL HOUR WAS FOLLOWED BY THE WEDDING CEREMONY AND A DELICIOUS DINNER.....BOTH MARIANN AND THELMA VISITED US RECENTLY AND REFLECT THE LIFE OF EASE THEY'RE LIVING.....THEA EISEN IS JOINING THE "STAY AT HOMERS" ON MARCH 6TH.....SHE TOO, EXPECTS TO INCREASE THE POPULATION IN MAY.....JUDITH COHEN, CAROL POLAN AND LENORE SHAPIRO HAVE JOINED THE RECORD ROOM STAFF.....WISHFUL THINKING MAY KEEP THEM AT LEAST A YEAR.

ALUMNAE NEWS: A BABY GIRL WAS BORN TO MARGARITA QUINONES DAMBRA ON FEBRUARY 25, 1959 AND IS NAMED DIANNE. IT'S BEEN SAID MARGARITA IS HANDLING HER NEW RESPONSIBILITIES IN HER USUAL CAPABLE MANNER.

********** S.C.

PURCHASING AND RECEIVING



BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS,- MR. BOHLEBER WILL HAVE LOST THAT NICE TAN HE HAS HAD. WHILE WE BRACED OURSELVES AGAINST THESE SHARP FEBRUARY 14 WINDS; MR. BOHLEBER WENT OFF TO SUNNY MIAMI. HE TELLS US THAT WHILE HE WAS THERE, HE VISITED MRS. J. RINEHART WHO SOME OF YOU WILL REMEMBER FROM 8 SOUTH. ALTHOUGH HE IS GLAD TO BE BACK, THESE DAMP, COLD SNOWY DAYS WE HAVE HAD LATELY MAKE HIM LONG TO BE UNDER THE MIAMI SUNSHINE.

********** C.B.

DOCTOR'S OFFICES - THIRD FLOOR

THINGS ARE REALLY BUZZING ON THIS SIDE. MARY ARONSON MAKING PLANS FOR HER WEDDING WHICH TAKES PLACE ON APRIL 5TH, SHOPPING FOR FURNITURE, DRESS, VEIL, ETC. SHE FOUND A LOVELY APARTMENT IN FOREST HILLS SO I GUESS THERE IS NO BACKING OUT NOW. WE ALL WISH HER THE VERY BEST AND MUCH HAPPINESS WITH JERRY BIRNBAUM, HER FIANCE.....THEN, WE HAVE RITA CASTLEMAN, WHO IS UP IN "CLOUD NINE". SHE IS GETTING HER ENGAGEMENT RING AT EASTER TIME AND PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR A FALL WEDDING. CONGRATULATIONS TO RITA AND EZRA BERMAN.

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO DR. ROGOFF ON THE RECENT DEATH OF HIS MOTHER.

WE ARE ALL ENVIOUS OF DOTTY WEFERS WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM NASSAU WITH A LOVELY TAN AMONG OTHER THINGS. WHILE WE WERE HAVING COLD BLISTERY WEATHER, SHE WAS BASKING IN THE SUNSHINE. SOME PEOPLE ARE LUCKY.

THIS IS A BIT EARLY, BUT KEEP IN MIND THE DATE OF NOVEMBER 13TH - THE DATE OF OUR ANNUAL DANCE. MORE ON THIS IN LATER ISSUES.

BY THE TIME THIS COMES FROM THE PRESS DR. AND MRS. FREYBERG WILL HAVE RETURNED FROM THEIR MOTOR TRIP THROUGH THE SOUTH MAKING HEADQUARTERS IN FLORIDA. WE DO HOPE THEY HAD A VERY ENJOYABLE VACATION.....MRS. D. FAIRES- DR. FREYBERG'S NURSE, HAS JUST RETURNED FROM A TRIP TO CALIFORNIA, AND YESTERDAY WHILE THE SNOW WAS FALLING HERE IN NEW YORK, SHE WAS BOASTING THAT TWO WEEKS AGO, SHE WAS WEARING A LIGHT COTTON DRESS IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA. NOW IT IS BACK TO THE GRIND AND HAPPY MEMORIES OF HER TRIP AND VISITING WITH OLD FRIENDS.

********** G.C.B.

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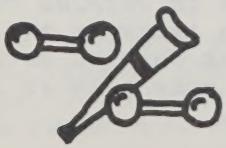

MISS JEAN HICKS HAS GONE TO SOUTHERN CLIMES - MOVED TO FLORIDA AND WE ALL MISS HER VERY MUCH AND HOPE THAT SHE WILL COME BACK TO US ONE OF THESE DAYS. WE WISH HER GOOD LUCK IN HER NEW HOME AND WORK.

WE HOPE MRS. NIELSEN WILL BE VISITING US ONE OF THESE DAYS AS SHE IS NOW FEELING MUCH BETTER.

F. W.

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